

(b) if so, the extent of difference of percentages;

(c) whether it is a fact that this gap in percentages owes to "the reason that the OBC students are mostly unable to avail themselves of the opportunity of admission in professional courses of higher education; and

(d) how Government are preparing to overcome this barrier that OBC students are confronted with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No statistical details with regard to professional degrees held by the Other Backward Classes is centrally maintained.

Salary of staff of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3402. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of salary for each category of SSA staff;

(b) the fate of these teachers when SSA programme will cease to continue; and

(c) the plan of Government to absorb them as regular staff of the HRD department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Under the framework of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), management staff are appointed on contract/deputation basis to the State SSA programme. The amount of salary/honorarium paid to each category of management staff is decided by each State, respectively.

The service conditions of teachers appointed under the SSA programme, are as per the terms and conditions of the concerned State Govt.

While teachers salaries will be borne by the State/UT Govt, after the SSA programme ends, management staff positions which are not permanent posts, and will cease to exist on completion of the SSA programme.